(d) whether any review has been conducted to know the gap in the coordination between the various agencies and • the hospitals in the successful implementation of the programme; and

(e)if so, what is the outcome thereof and the manner in which Government pro-, pose to strengthen the coordination between the various agencies nv-achieve the objectives?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THS MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIGIRI-DHAR GOMANGG): (a) A 'Multi-Centered Study on Drug Abuse Amongst Students' Was commissioned in early 1985 in four metropolitan cities (Dellhi, Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras), which includes School Students of 11th and 12th Standards|Pre-University level and five other towns (Jaipur, Jabalpur, Varanasi, Hyderabad, and Bangalore) covering University students. According to the Preliminary report based on cranputer output of data collected, in the above nine centres, . the results show decline in the prevalence rates in general when compared to/ the earlier 1976 study. No assessment of people from other sections of socie^ has been made by Government.

'(b) to (e) Since the problem of drug addiction is multi-dimensioaal in nature the Government has adopted an integrated approach land is providing services for coua. selling and guidance, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation and awareness education with the help of voluntary agencies and social organisations. Assistance is being given to voluntary organisations for providing services as mentioned above under the scheme of 'Assistance *to* Voluntary Organisations for Education Work for . Prohibition, Counselling and Rehabilitative Work for Alcoholics, Drug Addicts and . other Victims of Social Crime. ' Voluntary Organisations have been assisted in undertaking programmes "for de-addiction of drug addicts through camps and de-addic-tion centres. Out-patients services have also heen provided through day-care centres. The facilities provided in the hospi-" tals are being increased by Government and for coordinating the activities of various agencies and Ministries dealin? with the' subject, an empowered Committee has been, constituted to deal with the problem of drug abuse.

Black marketing and profiteering

748. DR. MOHD. HASHIM, KID WAI: Willi the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons arrested onthe charges of black-marketing and Pro 'fiteering during the last three years, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;(b) the details of the steps. Government propose to take to eradicate the evilis of black marketing and profiteering; an^

(c) the details of the steps talcen by Government to curb the rise 'in prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHR1 GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Essential Com-modities Act, 1955 and the Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, t980 are the two* enactments intended to curb the evils of blackmarketing and profiteering in essential commodities. The State Governments and Administrations of Union Territories who are enforcing these Acts have been advised from time to time to take steps for vigorous enforce-ment of these Acts,,

Statements (I to IV) indicating actions taken by State Governments |Union Territories during the years 1984, 1985. and 1986 under these Acts, are enclosed *[See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure Nos. 43 to 46.]

(c) The main thrust of Government policy is to increase the production of various essential commodities, particularly those which are in short supply. Several essential commodities like edible oflft pulses,, kerosene etc. are "imported to augment domestic availability. Stock limits to be kept in respect of pulses^ edible oilseeds and edible oils- by traders have been specified with a view *to* pre-venhoarding. Export of several essential commodities is either banned or regulated, The Public Distribution System through which essential commodities like Uoodgrains, levy sugar, imported edible

oils etc. are distributed at reasonable prices to the common man and which also operate as. 'an anti-inflationary measure, is being strengthened and expanded foodgrains at cheaper • rates are distributed in tribal areas, under special schemes like the National Rural Employment Programme and the Rural Landless Employment Gurantee Programme.

Slum clearance in Uttar Pradesh

749. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN 'DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase central grants for the slum clearance and rehabilitation of slum dwellers in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY... OF. URBAN DEVELOP. MENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The present policy of the 'Government emphasises on environmental improvement of urban slums in site rather than their massive clearance or relocation, this is done under the Scheme of Environ- _ mental Improvement of Urban Slums funds for- the scheme are provided in the State Plans. There. is no provision for Central grants under" the Scheme.

(b) Does not arise.

Government accommodation for CentralGovt Employees with 15 to 20 years ofservice

750. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DE-VELOPMENT be pleased $6 state

(a) the number of Central Government employees whoa length of service is between 15 and 20 years arid have not yet beetf" allotted Government ^ecommoda-tion; and

(b) by when such employees are likely to Se: provided with Goventment accom-modation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a)ON
the basis of restricted applications received for the currem allotment year, 37, 009 Central Government employees are waiting for allotment of general pool accommodation in Delhi for type A to D. This does not include higher type of accommodation for which allotment is made, on . the basis of emoluments drawn on the crucial date of allotment year.

(b) No specific'period, can be indicated as it depends on the demand|availability in each type of accommodation.

Price *01* Sugar

751. SHRI VERENDRA VERM A: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that price of indigenous sugar had f'sen. from Rs. 10 to Rs. 15 per quintal in the wholesale- market during the last few months instead; of any decline with the release of substantially higher quota for levy and free sale sugar for March, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

'(c) what steps have been~ taken by Government to contain the prices of sugar in the open marketf

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABl AZAD): (a) to (c) The price oTiriai-gelRJUSf sugar ate being maintained at reasonable: levels through" suitable regulatory measures taken by Government ih-clatttaig judtcfotts release of freesale sugar each"month. The wholesale'prices of Sugar in principal markets in the country have bete showing t dwmwanl Trentl in recent month Theses wens ia the ran of Rs 588-520 per quintal: al Aprfl; 1987 is bgainst the. range of rs 615-650" per quintal as on, 15th January, ' 1987.